

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 559

Short Title: Funds/Orange St School/Umoja Group. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator deViere (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 7, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC
3 ORANGE STREET SCHOOL BUILDING IN FAYETTEVILLE AND FOR
4 DIGITALIZATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
5 PICTORIAL WALL.

6 Whereas, the Murchison Road corridor in Fayetteville is rich and plentiful in African
7 American history; and

8 Whereas, an investment is needed to assist in retaining the history for future
9 generations; Now, therefore,

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Orange Street
12 School Restoration and Historical Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization, the sum of two
13 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to
14 support the Association's efforts to renovate the school building and further develop the Orange
15 Street neighborhood. The 1915 historic Orange Street School building is listed on the National
16 Register of Historic Places and is Fayetteville's oldest surviving building used for education.

17 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Umoja Group, Inc.,
18 a nonprofit organization, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in
19 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to support the African American pictorial wall
20 to allow digitalization of the wall's images and content, as well as the preservation of the wall.
21 Umoja Group, Inc., is an educational, cultural, charitable, and service organization that initiates
22 and supports activities that promote the positive history, arts, and culture of Africans and African
23 Americans and shares this rich heritage with others to enhance respect, cooperation, and unity.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

